THIS IS THE ONLY CHOICE I HAVE...

SURE ENOUGH ...

BUT...

SHUT

Undery Corresp

SEAL

slide...

Ugggh

Ugggh

Ugggh

.....

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Because I like Your Idiocy

AHHH...

HAVEN'T SEEN INUGAMI-SAN GO DARK FOR A WHILE...

Roommate

GRAND-MA??

Fooom

WHAT SHOULD I DO...

WHAT ...

THREE DAYS HAVE PASSED SINCE THE INSTITUTION OF THE NEW HOSHITORI RULES.

...WHAT IS IT, PRESI-DENT?

PUTTING THAT IN COSMIC TERMS...

slap

THREE DAYS.

YOUR JOKES LOSE A BIT OF THEIR POWER TO CONVEY IN THESE 4.6 BILLION-YEAR DETOURS.

TENCHI'S DINOSAURS ARE RARING TO EVOLVE.

IT'S ABOUT THE SAME AMOUNT OF TIME AS FROM THE BIRTH OF THE EARTH TO THE FIRST APPEARANCE OF DINOSAURS ON THE PLANET.

OHH?

HMPH

I STILL WISH YOU WOULD ESTABLISH AN OFFICIAL PRELIMINARY PERIOD, BUT...

THERE IS NO CAUSE FOR WORRY. OUR PREPARA-TIONS ARE FLAWLESS.

Sigh...

ONCE YOU'VE GOT YOUR MIND SET ON SOMETHING, THERE'S JUST NO AVOIDING IT.

SQUEEZE

.....

HOH!

HOH!

Momoka -san!

HMM...

...

They appeared to be slightly different from usual...

Practice swings...

HRUMH?

Just now, your...

The grip you're using...?

THAT MIGHT BE... THE GRIP I'M USING.

AHH...

You've got a good eye.

The reverse of a standard kendo grip...

Right hand at the base, left hand above it.

I USUAL-LY HOLD IT LIKE THIS.

LEFT-HAND-ED.

YEP, RIGHT.

That's how.

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WANKO.

Lunch break is ending. You're still out here by yourself doing something like this...?

Please, at least eat a rice ball!

OOHH. THANKS A LOT!

THIS WAS ALL BEFORE I CAME TO TENCHI.

Pretty typical elementary-school stuff I guess

JUST BEING SELF-ISH.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH MY OWN STANCE, I WOULD COMPLAIN.

BUT I WAS STUBBORN AND WOULDN'T LET HIM CORRECT ME.

MY SENSEI AT THE DOJO TOLD ME I SHOULD MASTER IT RIGHT-HANDED FIRST.

AND RIO-NEE, TOO.

We can do whatever you like!

As long as it's interesting

There's Big Nii and Little Nii.

My older bro-ther.

Big Nii...?

You can just practice with both hands, Momoka

THE ONES WHO HUMORED ME AND LET ME TRY TO STICK IT OUT LEFT-HANDED WERE BIG NII...

THAT ALL SEEMS LIKE A REAL, REAL DISTANT MEMORY...

THOUGH IN HER CASE,

YEAH.

Takarada-san did...?

AND I UNDERSTAND WHY THEY DON'T PUT MUCH IMPORTANCE ON YOUR DOMINANT HAND IN KENDO.

BY NOW I GET WHAT MY SENSEI WAS TRYIN' TO TEACH ME.

BUT!

Momo-ka-sa...

BY BEIN' SUCH AN IDIOT.

SO I'M STARTIN' TO REALIZE I NARROWED MY OWN PROSPECTS

THERE'S NO MEANING TO IT!

IF I DON'T WIN WITH THAT SAME STUBBORN, SELFISH SWORD I'VE BEEN SWINGIN'...

GONE

YOU'RE NOT HERE ANY-MORE!!?

...WAIT,

...IS THE MENTAL APPROACH I'M TAKIN' INTO IT...

MAYBE SHE'S GOTTEN A LOT BETTER, BUT NO WAY I'M LOSIN' TO THAT LATECOMER KUROGANE!!

If you're going to do it, I suppose you intend to win...

Yes, indeed ... ...

You bet!

NEVER WANTED TO TAKE A STAR SO MUCH MY WHOLE TIME HERE.

SHE'S AN ODD ONE, ALL RIGHT...

MAN...

Uuu—

YOU CAN'T ARRANGE FLOWERS ON AN EMPTY STOMACH...

Hah...

Oh no... She's gone off to some strange world!!

Hey!

I-

I'M ALWAYS FIT TO GET FUELED-UP IN THE BELLY REGION...

GO-A-HEAD!!

Bata

Thanks for the meal

STUPID ASS!

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING, EATING UNTIL YOU CAN'T MOVE!

WHAT SPECIAL ABILITY DO YOU HAVE THAT LETS YOU EAT YOURSELF TO THAT STATE, KURO-SAN...?

KURO-CHIN...

You look like a balance ball...

My...

Bulge

OUGHH...

I CAN HAVE TWO MUNCHES OF GOLDEN FILLING!!?

EVER ENCOUNTERED THE PHRASE, "YOU CAN HAVE TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING"?

YOU REALLY JUST DON'T LEARN, DO YOU...!?

IT'S ALREADY GETTING SUCKED INTO THAT GIANT STOMACH OF YOURS, WITHOUT MY HELP! ALONG WITH ALL YOUR OTHER BODY PARTS!!

What do you think you look like right now!?

BOUNCE

BOUNCE

YOU TRYING TO DRIVE MY HEAD IN, AYANA!?

THAT HURT!!

FUME

FUME

WHAT IS THIS, A DING-DONG-SWITCH SCAM?

C'MON, NOW... I'M BORED OF HEARING IT. "THE BELL'S GONNA RING, THE BELL'S GONNA RING..."

WE ALL KNOW IT'S NOT RINGIN' TODAY EITHER.

ゴロ

That's all! See you next chapter!

POTATO BASTARDS

ROLL

ゴロ

THAT'S WHY YOU'RE AN IDIOT.

FOR NOW, JUST HURRY UP AND GET THAT DIGESTED.

IF THE BELL RINGS, I'M LEAVING YOU BEHIND.

PWEH HEH!

WHAT THE HELL'S THAT FACE SUPPOSED TO MEAN?

SO YOU STILL HADN'T EATEN ENOUGH, LITTLE DARUMA...?

ROAAR

FOOOM

THE BLACK PANTHER...!

THE HEAVY PALM OF THE BLACK PANTHER OF EDO...!

Geurgh!

IF IT DOESN'T COME TODAY, YOU CAN BET IT'LL BE SOMETIME TOMORROW MORNING. ONE-HUNDRED PERCENT.

how that person's mind works.

Hang in there, Little One

It's about time you learned...

Ah, boy...

NO WAY IN HELL IS OUR PRESIDENT WAITING LONGER THAN THREE DAYS TO SEE THOSE NEW RULES IN ACTION.

THEY CAN SAY WHAT THEY WANT ABOUT "GETTING PREPARED", "PROCESSING APPLICATIONS"...

AND NOT JUST ANOTHER "TEST" OR SOME OTHER BLUFF.

Eegh...

For real?

Man...

!

YOU TRAIN SO THAT YOU *RIGHT* BREAK!!

BUT WE TRAINED OURSELVES RAGGED YESTER-DAY... AND THE DAY BEFORE! I'LL BREAK BEFORE I EVEN GET TO THE HOSHITORI!

C'MON!

C'MON!

LET'S GO! YOU TOO, KIJI-CHAN!

What!?

AH...

I'D BETTER GO GET IN A BIT MORE WORK WITH MY NEW WEAPONS TOO!

CLATTER

RIGHT NOW!? YOU GET PUNISHED FOR USING THEM OUTSIDE APPROVED TIMES!!

I KNOW THAT! JUST, LIKE, AN IMAGE-TRAINING-TYPE DEAL!

AHH, RIGHT, RIGHT!

SHOOT, I FOR-GOT!

!!!

Huh?

SHINYUU CONTRACT?

?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

THAT ISN'T WHAT I MEANT...

Mmmm—

NO, NO...

NO,

UNTIL WE GET THE SECRETARY TO PUT THESE RING THINGS ON OUR SWORDS, WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING! LET'S JUST GO RIGHT NOW AND-

WELL, I MEAN, I FORGOT TOO, BUT...

DON'T FOR-GET!!

slap

GREET-INGS. I'M THE PART-TIMER.

SORRY, NAGI!

TRUTH IS, I ALREADY PAIRED UP WITH THE PART-TIMER!

Yanagi

SORRY, YOUR FATHER FORGOT ALL ABOUT THAT PART!

THAT'S RIGHT... WHEN I WENT TO GET PERMISSION FOR SCHOOL EMPLOYEES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HOSHITORI, IT WAS SO I COULD PARTNER UP WITH YOU...

.....

I AM MUCH INDEBTED TO THEE.

AH HA HA HA... SHE'S A REAL CARD, THIS ONE!

CAME HIGHLY RECOM-MENDED FROM THE PREZ.

Ah ha ha ha! Hear that? "Thee", she said, "thee"!!

That's that freaking graduate!!!!

I'll have to make my apology through penitential austerities...

WHAT A DISLOYAL ACT...

I LEFT MOMOKA-SAN WITHOUT SAYING A WORD...

WITH-OUT THINK-ING...

MOMOKA-SAN DIDN'T SAY MERELY, "I WANT TO FIGHT..."

BUT, "I WANT TO WIN."

YOU'RE BY YOUR-SELF TO-DAY?

INU-GAMI-SAN, ISN'T IT?

Momo-chan's Inugami-san

OH?

HYEEEEEEEEEH!!

BUT...

THEN IT'S OBVIOUS THAT, AS I AM NOW, THERE'S ONLY ONE THING I CAN DO...

THAT'S SOME-THING I REALLY DON'T WISH...

Ah...

the war-ning bell...

JUST WHAT I'D EXPECT FROM MOMO-CHAN'S PARTNER.

A PRETTY FORMIDABLE SLIP TAKE...

Taka-rada-san...

Ta-

Ta-

Ta-

Ta-

Ta-

Ta-Ta-

Ta-

Ta-

Ta-

Eh...

Y- Yes... as healthy and energetic as a young lion cub...

Ah, thank you very much

IS MOMO-CHAN DOING WELL?

I HAVEN'T SEEN YOUR FACES AROUND IN A WHILE, SO YOU'VE BEEN ON MY MIND.

Ah ha ha...

NO NO, SORRY!

"TATTA" MEANS "STAND UP", NOT "SIT DOWN"!

NO NO, RIGHT HERE SHOULD BE:

MN!?!

PER-HAPS!!?

JAB

Or no no, maybe "Clara stood up!!"

jump

WHAT DO I DO... SHE'S GOING ON FURTHER AND FURTHER AHEAD...

AHH...

Though I don't quite understand what is "pretty good" about it...

I... I suppose so...

THAT'S PRETTY GOOD. CAN I USE THAT?

LION CUB!!*

Ah-

Excuse me!

Ahm...

TELL HER SHE COULD COME AROUND FROM TIME TO TIME TO SEE MY NEW MATERIAL.

Well,

AS LONG AS SHE'S HAPPY, THAT'S WHAT MATTERS!

*LION CUB [WAKAJISHI] CAN MEAN OTHER THINGS. THERE WAS A SUMO WRESTLER AND IT'S AN AWARD AS WELL. NOT SURE WHETHER REFERENTS ARE SAME OR DIFFERENT.

Agh...

I DON'T THINK THAT'S SOMETHING I CAN HELP YOU WITH.

INU-GAMI-SAN...

O-... Of course, you're right!! Forgive me for my terrible rudeness...

Takarada-san... as the person who would have been Momoka-san's shinyuu...

?

YES? WHAT IS IT?

Please, tell me...!

I DON'T THINK ANYONE ASIDE FROM THE PEOPLE INVOLVED THEMSELVES KNOW QUITE WHAT'S BEST FOR THEM.

LOTS OF DIFFERENT KINDS OF SHINYUUS, AND LOTS OF DIFFERENT WAYS TO FIGHT.

THERE ARE...

How is it that I should fight?

As the shinyuu of Kibi Momoka-san...

Yes, I suppose...

IF THERE'S ONE PIECE OF ADVICE I CAN GIVE YOU, IT'S JUST THIS.

WHEN THE "BOKE" CAN KEEP ON SUP-PORTING HER PARTNER EVEN WITH BLOOD SPURTING FROM EVERY PART OF HER BODY...

LEAVING THE HOSHITORI ASIDE,

THAT'S A TRUE MANZAI ACT!

I DON'T WANT TO SEE ANY PART OF YOUR POINTLESS ZEAL!

Cha ha ha!

OH DEAR! YOU CAUGHT A GLIMPSE OF MY SECRET ZEAL!?

Get out of here with your "true manzai act"!

THAT'S NOT WHAT SHE WAS ASKING ABOUT. HOW DUMB ARE YOU?

NO...

NO
NO
NO
NO.

You keep on supporting your partner...

EVEN IF YOU'RE

SPOUTING BLOOD FROM EVERY PART OF YOUR BODY...

GOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOG

Sit-Ups

Ahh, man...

Ooh

IT'S BE-GUN.

MAKING US CHECK-IN AT THE GATE EVEN IF WE'RE LEAVING FOR A DIFFERENT AREA HAS NO POINT BUT TO SPITE US, RIGHT!?!?

WE GET THE GATE FURTHEST FROM THE A AREA!

PEH...

Of all the ones it could've been!

GATE NUM-BER...

FIVE!!

GATE 5 CHECK

OK to enter

JUST TURBO-DIGEST IT WHILE YOU'RE RUNNING!

This is why I told you!

HOW ARE YOU GOING TO HAVE US STOP NOW!!

PERHAPS WE CAN MAKE A LITTLE STOPOVER ON THIS ROAD OF LIFE...?

IT'S COMIN' OUT...

UBUGH...

...AYANA, A LITTLE MORE SLOWLY, PLEASE...

HOW RUTH-LESS...

SETTLING OF SCORES...!

RIGHT NOW, IT'S ALL ABOUT...

THE PROM-ISED

IF A TEAM ENTERS INTO A DUEL, THEIR SIGNALS WILL DISAPPEAR FROM THE MAP,

Oppo-site of what the um-pires see

SO, IF THEY GO AWAY, WE'LL KNOW THEY RAN INTO ANOTHER TEAM SOMEWHERE...

AH...

BEEP

I SEE A PAIR GETTING CLOSER AND CLOSER TO US.

THIS MUST BE AYANA AND KURO-GANE-SAN.

YU-KARI.

HOW DOES IT LOOK?

.....

IT...

HM?

WHAT IS IT? WHAT HAPPEN-ED?

DISAP-PEARED, JUST NOW.

bzzz

bzzz

bzzz

SORRY, KURO-GANE...

Wheeze

Th...

Thought we weren't gonna catch you...

WHA...

!?

WE'LL BE THROWIN' A LITTLE ROAD-BLOCK

IN THE WAY OF THAT ANNOYING-LY STEADY FORWARD ADVANCE OF YOURS.

M...

FORGET ABOUT THE FOOD!!!

YOU DIDN'T EAT ANYTHING FOR LUNCH, EITHER!!!

You never even came to the cafeteria!

WHAT THE HECK'RE YOU DOING!?

MOKA-CHAN!!?

MAYBE YOU'VE GOT THAT PROMISE OF YOURS OR WHAT-EVER,

BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO DEAL WITH US FIRST!!!

OUR SWORDS HAVE MET.

JUST THINK WE'RE WASTING YOUR TIME, GUESS YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO SWIPE US ASIDE AND MOVE ON.

IF YOU...

BUT KNOW, WE'LL BE GOIN' ALL OUT OVER HERE.

.....

YOU NEVER SAID A THING ABOUT THIS THIS MORNING!!

NO WAY...

WHO WOULD GO OUT OF HER WAY TO BROADCAST HER ATTACK PLAN IN AD-VANCE!?!?

YER GOD-DAMN RIGHT I WANNA GO!!!

YEAH!

MOKA-CHAN!?

...YOU WANNA GO,

Yahhh

.....

Mn? !!!

Ah...

.....

THIS PERSON'S SERIOUS!!!

I'M SORRY, AYANA!!

THEN, GO AFTER HER WITH EVERYTHING YOU'VE GOT!!

I SEE.

OHH!!

.....

.....

.....

COULD YOU ALWAYS HIT SO HARD?

MOKA-CHAN...

WHOO ...

Oh...?

GET READY FOR ABOUT AS MUCH FUN AS YOU CAN HANDLE!!

IF YOU CAN GET BETTER, SO CAN I!!!

NOW THAT THE DUEL'S STARTED, THERE'S NOTHING ELSE WE CAN DO.

NOT SURE WHAT SHE'S SUPPOSED TO BE APOLOGI-ZING FOR...

OHHHHH!!

OHH-

I'LL ALSO...

WELL, COME AT ME, INUKKO.

STOP-OVERS ON THE ROAD OF LIFE, INDEED...

Sigh...

.....

BE GIVING IT EVERY-THING I'VE GOT.

AAHH HHHH HHHH...

Pa-twee

I'M STARTING WAY, WAY LATE AT THIS POINT... WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?

WHAT'S MY DUMB OLD MAN THINKING...

MAKING ME GO SEARCH OUT SOMEBODY NEW NOW?

rustle

YOU CAN NEVER TELL WHAT THEY'RE THINKING. I HATE IT.

OTHER PEO-PLE...

rustle

rustle

HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO ENTRUST MY BACK TO ONE OF THEM...

rustle

rustle

rustle

rustle

Hm?

OTHER PEOPLE ARE SUCH A PAIN. THAT'S WHY I ASKED DAD.

DAMN IT...

MAN... THAT STAR-TLED ME...

..."KA-NAI"?

KA-NAI !!!

WE JUST ASKED YOU TO TELL US WHAT YOUR REASONS ARE.

WHAT ARE YOU RUNNING AWAY FOR?

OHH!?

JOLT

IT'S JUST, THIS IS WHAT MY MABUI IS TELLING ME IS RIGHT.

I DON' REALLY HAVE A REASON OR ANY-THING LIKE THAT...

THAT CONDE-SCENDING ATTITUDE AND ALL.

GOTTA SAY, YOU'RE TICKING US OFF A BIT,

GUESS THIS MEANS YOU'RE WITHDRAWING FROM THE "KUROGUMI."

FINE THEN, KANAI.

EVEN SENSEI CAN'T KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT A PERSON'S MABUI.

I'M SOR-RY...

BUT YOU'RE NOT MY SHINYUU.

YOU'RE MY FRIEND, KIYOKA-CHAN,

WHAT'S "MABUI" S'POSED TO MEAN!?

ENOUGH OF THIS ALREADY...

SO BASICALLY YOU'RE SAYIN' SENSEI WAS WRONG FOR TRYIN' TO PAIR US TOGETHER!

AHH...

!

FOR KIYOKA'S SAKE, TOO.

YOU'D BETTER BE READY TO ACCEPT YOUR PUNISHMENT AS A TRAITOR.

AND THAT MEANS...

.....

WHAT'S WITH THESE PEOPLE...?

WHAT?

"KURO-GUMI"...?

THIS IS OUR FIRST TIME HAVING THE HONOR OF MEETING YOU, ELDER SISTERS.

WE ARE NEWLY-TRANSFERRED STUDENTS INTO THE HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION.

BY WAY OF GREETING,

WE REQUEST THAT YOU BE OUR FIRST OPPONENT.

SEN-PAI...

I DON'T THINK WE HAVE ANY CHOICE BUT TO FIGHT THEM...

BUT...

IF THEY'RE NEW STUDENTS, EVEN AS HIGH-SCHOOLERS, NATURALLY THEIR RANKS START AT D.

YET, HOW IS IT...

THAT THEY WERE ABLE TO GET INTO THE A-RANKERS' AREA...?

.....

YES, IT DOES RATHER SEEM THAT WAY...

How plumply happy-go-lucky...

THEY REALLY, REALLY DON'T APPEAR TO CARE ABOUT ANY OF THAT...

THOUGH, ON THE WHOLE,

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?

LOOKS LIKE YET ANOTHER BIG PAIN IN THE NECK...

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○ UNDERWORLD CORRESPONDENCE ○

The "Seeking Friends for Shamanic Possession" corner is popular.

Trivia

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"ARRANGE FLOWERS": THE JAPANESE PHRASES FOR "CANNOT FIGHT" AND "FLOWER-ARRANGEMENT CLASS" SOUND SOMEWHAT SIMILAR.

"TWO MUNCHES OF GOLDEN FILLING": IN THE ORIGINAL, THIS IS "SUGI RYOUTAROU'S UNFORGIVABLE SUSHI."

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"THE BLACK PANTHER OF EDO," SUNG BY SUGI RYOUTAROU, WAS THE OPENING THEME OF THE TELEVISION SERIES "SHINGO DETECTIVE STORY", STARRING SUGI RYOUTAROU.

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"CLARA": FROM "HEIDI". CLARA IS WHEELCHAIR-BOUND BUT LATER LEARNS TO WALK AGAIN.

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"MABUI" IS AN OKINAWAN TERM MEANING "SOUL."

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"NISHIKAWA KIYOKA" SPEAKS KANSAI-BEN, A DIALECT OF SOUTHERN JAPAN.

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